

REMARKS

The Applicants do not believe that examination of this response will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicants, respectfully, request that the above amendment be entered in and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Final Office Action dated August 12, 2005 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application for invention. Claims 1-28 are rejected by the August 12, 2005 Final Office Action.

The Final Office Action rejects Claims 1-11, 15-21 and 25-28 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,115,057 issued in the name of Kwoh et al. (hereinafter referred to as Kwoh et al.). The MPEP at §2131 states that a "claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

The Examiner states that Kwoh et al. disclose the elements of the rejected claims. Kwoh et al. disclose using information contained within the vertical blanking interval (VBI) to make determinations for filtering. The Applicants respectfully point out that the rejected claims define subject matter for splitting the multimedia program into a plurality of multimedia components and extracting audio, video, and transcript features from segments within the multimedia components. The subject matter defined by the rejection claims generates a ranking for the filter criteria for each of the segments. Kwoh et al. do not disclose or suggest any generating of ranking that is used for filtering. Kwoh et al. teach to use the ranking that is already supplied within the VBI. Accordingly, all the elements of the rejected claims are not found within Kwoh et al. and Kwoh et al. can not anticipate the rejected claims. Therefore, this rejection is traversed.

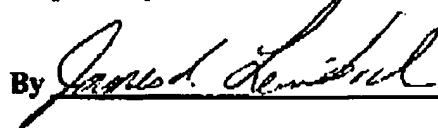
The Final Office Action rejects Claims 12-14 and 22-24 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unaparentable over Kwoh et al. as applied to Claims 1 and 16 as discussed above, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931 issued in the name of Alexander et al. (hereinafter referred to as Alexander et al.). The Examiner states that Kwoh et al. fail to disclose providing of training segments having content that learn to identify content matching the filter

criteria. The Examiner's position is that Alexander et al. disclose providing training segments having content that learn to identify content matching the filter criteria. The Applicants, respectfully, point out that the combination made by the Final Office Action does reach to subject matter for extracting audio, video, and transcript features from segments within the multimedia components and generating a numeric ranking for the filter criteria for each of the segments. As previously discussed, Kwoh et al. do not disclose or suggest any generating of ranking that is used for filtering. Kwoh et al. teach to use the ranking that is already supplied within the VBI. Alexander et al. teach analyzing and characterizing viewer profile information and make no disclosure or suggestion related to extracting audio, video, and transcript features from segments within the multimedia components and generating a numeric ranking for the filter criteria for each of the segments. Therefore, this rejection is traversed.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

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